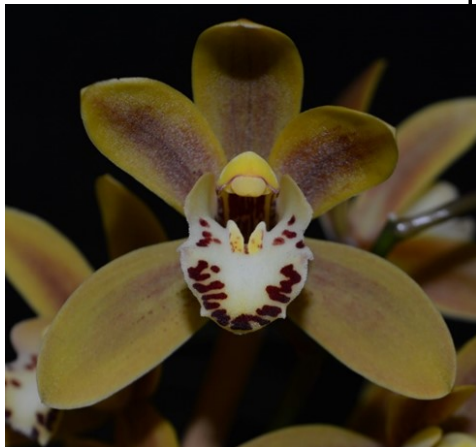


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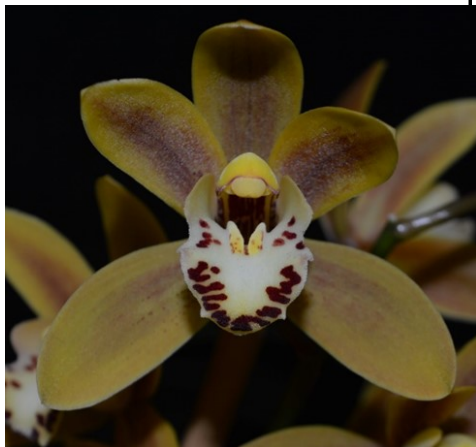
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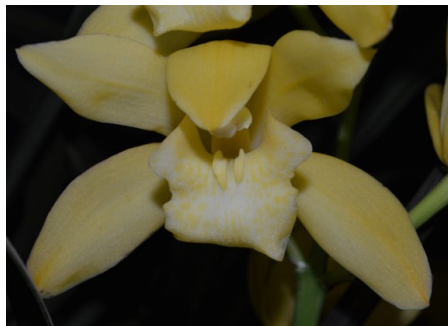
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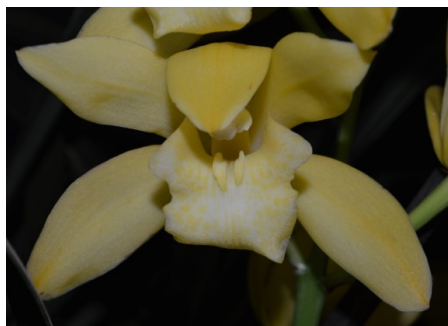
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Presidents Message May 2022

Welcome to our May issue,

A few more plants were shown at the April meeting. Best in open division and plant of the night was Sundaani Autumn “Sunset”, grown by Pauline and Mark Hockey. Second division was won by Stone Free “orange Gem”, grown by David Fletcher (I think it was the first plant ever exhibited by David). Well done to each of you and we should see some more plants from the May meeting.

Great to see Paul Dipuglia from Neutrog again this year. He always has a very informative presentation for us, and a firsthand look on how their products are made and their usage. There is always something new being developed, and I think we all love the different and unusual names that the Neutrog CEO, Angus Irwin comes up with for them.



**President
Graham Fear**

Again, save you questions up for the May meeting as we will cover all facets of showing your plants. Virus identification, and anything else you might want to know in the coming flowering and show season. Write them down so you don't forget them on the night.

The new incentive for second division growers to show your plants at meetings and shows will commence at the May meeting, and following Pauline McLean's suggestion at the last meeting, we will be starting, from the May meeting, a Seedling of the Night award, with a prize to be awarded at each meeting. There will also be a single flower competition from the June meeting onwards, for all divisions, which will be judged by popular vote. If you have a spike that is damaged and can't be shown, or one flower on the spike that is good and the rest not so good, bring along a single flower and place it at the front of the hall, in the racks, with your show number. That will be from the June meeting, onwards. The South Australian Orchid Fair will be held on the 11th and 12th June at the Campbelltown Function Centre, 172 Montacute Road, Rostrevor. We will be looking for some assistance to help build our club's display on Friday 10th and we will also need, by Wednesday 8th June, the names of your plants that you will be able to bring along for the display. We have always been able to present a great display each year, even though June is not an ideal time for our Cymbidiums. I will be asking at the May meeting who can help, and who will have plants in flower by that week in June. We also need to know by the 8th June, which plants you will have, so special plant labels can be printed for your plants.

The late Ben Knobben was always the organizer of this event for our display in the past, so let's not let Ben's memory down, and help us build a great display. So please help us to build the display and supply plants for it, as it is important to have a great showing for our club at this fair.

Our entertainment for the May meeting will be an exclusive look at two of the world's great cymbidium grower's nurseries, and their plants. This will be a not to be missed presentation, along with your question and answers segment, which will make it a very entertaining night.

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I look forward to seeing you all on the 25th May

Kind Regards and stay safe and well.

Graham Fear (President)

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Beginning with Cymbidium Species

by Noe Smith updated by Joshua White (from the COSV web site)

For many orchid growers, species orchids hold a special attraction; no less so when it comes to species Cymbidiums. There is a special attraction to species Cymbidiums and although they don't appeal to everyone, many growers appreciate their natural beauty, varied flower forms and the variety of size, habit and flowering times. From the species *Cym. dayanum* and *erythrostylum*, which flower in early to mid-autumn, to *Cym. suave*, *madidum* and *canaliculatum*, which flower through late spring to early summer, species Cymbidiums can reward their growers with flowers for almost the whole year.

The majority of Cymbidium species need little, if any, special treatment above what would be provided for any Cymbidium hybrid. Many species are readily available with a little searching and patience. While most may not feature in orchid nursery catalogues, they are often available from other species collectors among Cymbidium club members and divisions, mericlones and seedlings do come up from time to time.

It is not my intention to attempt the definitive work on Cymbidium species in this article (it would take much more space than several issues would allow and there are several outstanding books and web sites which provide much more information than I could); rather, to provide enough information to dispel any doubts a new grower of Cymbidium species may have about giving them a try and to describe some of the more commonly available and easily-grown species.

Many of the most commonly available Cymbidium species originate from highland areas in India (Sikkim, Assam, Khasia Hills), Nepal, Burma, Northern Thailand, Vietnam and southern China at altitudes ranging from 400 to 3000 metres above sea level. At these altitudes, the climate range is generally moist temperate. While some Cymbidium species do grow in natural habitats closer to sub-tropical, we will not be discussing those in this article.

For anyone contemplating adding Cymbidium species to their collection, there are a number of species which provide an ideal starting point due to their general availability and/or the fact that they are no more demanding culturally than most Cymbidium hybrids. The species described below are some of these. **On the following pages are some of the more well hybridized species plants**



The discovery of *Cym. insigne* was probably one of the most influential in Cymbidium hybridising. The species features tall, upright spikes with medium to large flowers that can number twenty or more. The type form produces pink blooms (of varying shades) with white labellums spotted purple-red, but there are

also two other colour forms. *Cym. insigne* var. *album* AM/RHS is the white form of the species; it is not actually a genetic alba, just a white-coloured form. The true alba form (pictured), which lacks the ability to produce the anthocyanin pigments that make reds, pinks, oranges, etc., has been used to create alba forms of *Cym. Pauwelsii* (the primary hybrid with *lowianum*).

Cymbidium lowianum is the cornerstone for many early hybrids and one of the hardiest of the species. The striking red "vee" on the labellum can still be clearly seen in the labellums of many of today's hybrids. It is a moderate-sized plant which carries arching spikes of fifteen to twenty-five flowers. There are a number of different clones of the species in circulation, including 'Comte d' Hemptinne', arguably one of the best. The type form of the species has green petals and sepals (sometimes with a reddish overlay) and the labellum is white with a bold red "vee".

Note that *Lowio-grandiflorum* is often mislabelled as *lowianum*. This primary hybrid has a much cleaner, solid green colour than *lowianum* and the "vee" markings are spotted rather than solid.





Cymbidium tracyanum is one species commonly available and is usually seen on club benches anywhere from April through June, depending on which state you live in. Arguably the most distinctive of the genus, *Cym. tracyanum* is easily recognized by its twisted tepals and distinctive spotted and striped patterning.

overlaid with reddish-brown to dark red. Its labellum is white, spotted with burgundy or red. It is a large-growing plant with long, arching spikes carrying fifteen or so large flowers. Specimen-sized plants with multiple spikes can look quite stunning.

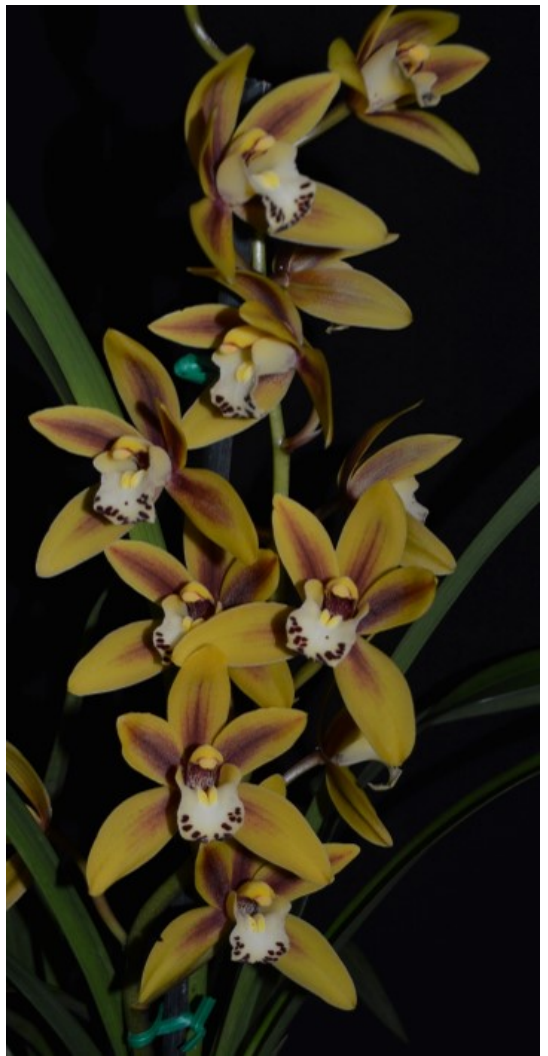
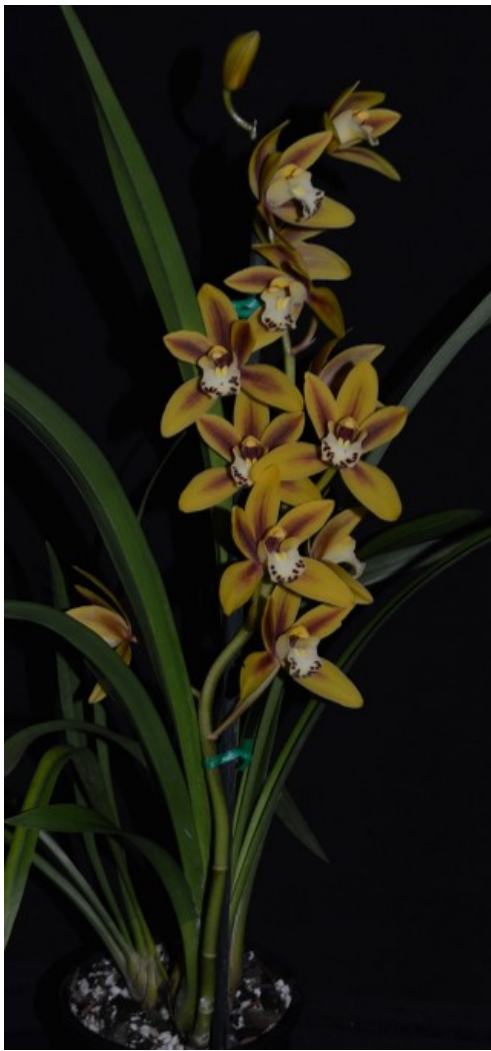
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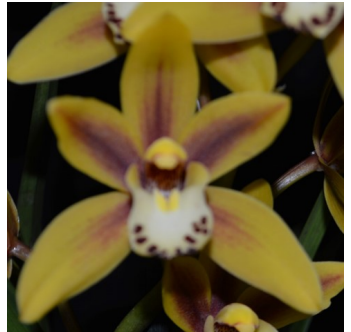
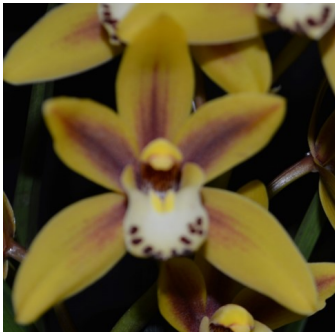
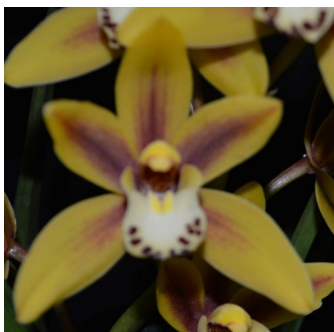
Cymbidium erythrostylum is a more compact growing plant than those mentioned so far; correspondingly, its flower spikes are shorter, though its flowers are quite large. *Cym. erythrostylum* has a very distinctive flower form with its forward-pointing petals shielding a small labellum lined with pinkish red; its sepals are large and full-shaped and a bit unruly-looking. The petals and sepals are pristine white. The overall effect is quite beautiful and due to its compact plant size, an impressive specimen can be produced with many flower spikes in a 200mm pot.

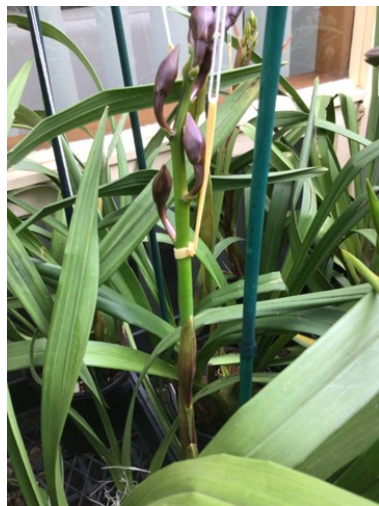
More recently the alba form of the species has entered cultivation (photo above right), featuring yellow lines on the labellum rather than typical pinkish red.

Like *Cym. insigne*, it prefers less water during winter.



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Open Division 1st Miniature Other Colour
Sundaani Autumn "Sunrise"
Grown by Pauline and Mark Hockey





Photos here are of a neat way to train flower spikes

Above are what you will require.
Pegs, elastic bands and string or elastic
Note String is shown, but if you can find some, elastic also works very well.

Attach the rubber band to the bottom of the flower spike as shown

Attach the string (or elastic) to the rubber band as shown at left

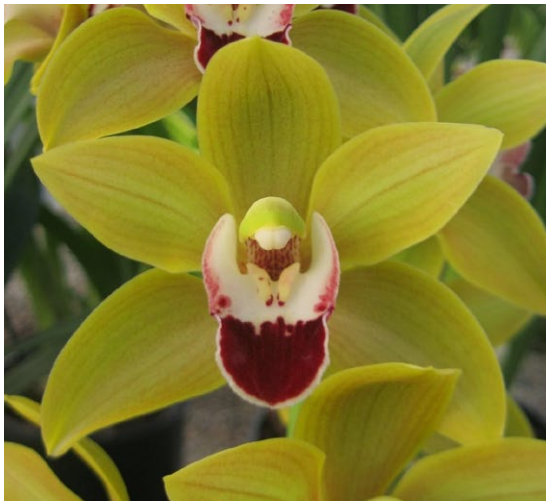
Attach the peg to the stake well above the foliage. Make sure there is a small tension on the string/elastic

As the flower spike grows longer, twist the string/elastic around the peg, or move the peg up the stake

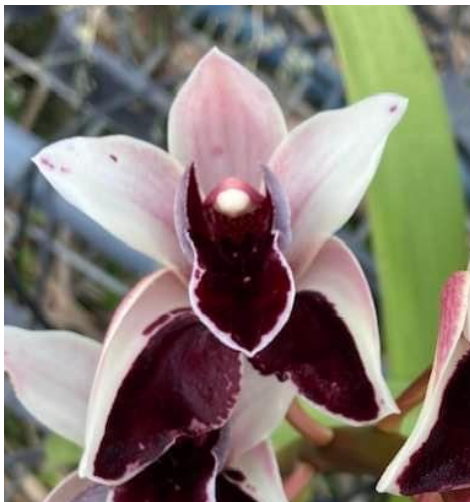
Thank you Graham Fear for the photos



The photos on this and the next page are from the overseas grower who will be featured at our May meeting. At the meeting you will see a large number of new varieties for the first time.



Sorry, no names, but some of our more experienced growers will know of some of them





The next Meetings of the Cymbidium Orchid Club of South Australia Inc.

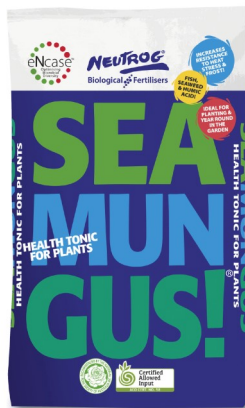
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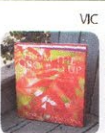
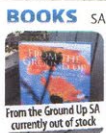
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CYMBIDIUMS
By Gordon Giles
2022 Seedling Catalogue

On this page last month were details of a special highly awarded plant being offered for sale (expensive), by a Sydney grower. Some members thought it was too expensive. It sold for about the suggested price, AND a number of other growers sought to buy it. There may be a couple more divisions of it available later. Refer back to the April magazine.



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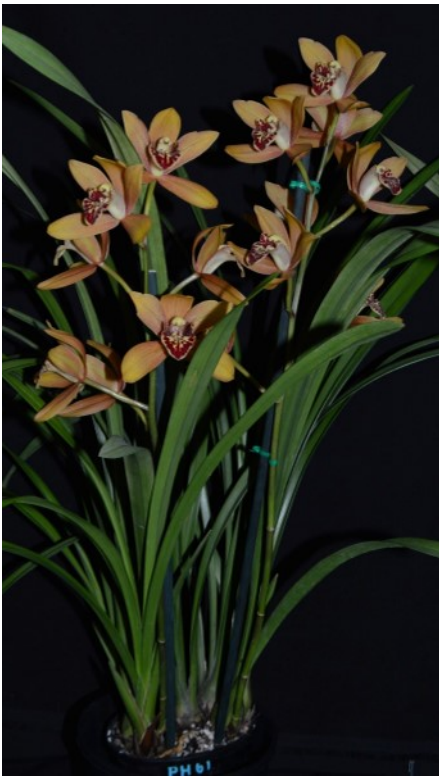
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Sundaani's Cobb

Grown by Pauline and Mark Hockey





April Meeting
1st Open Division Intermediate Brown
Zoani "Stripes"
Grown by Pauline and Mark Hockey

